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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/023,259
Filing Date	February 13, 1998
First Named Inventor	Wallace A. Ritchie
Group Art Unit	2747
Examiner Name	Thomas, J.
Attorney Docket Number	101102-0002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

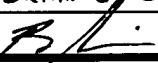
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 710.00 enclosed
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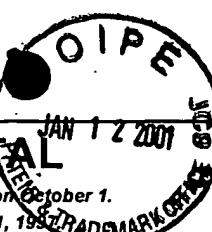
FEE TRANSMITTAL

Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1.

These are the fees effective October 1, 1997.
 Small Entity payments **must** be supported by a small entity statement, otherwise large entity fees must be paid. See Forms PTO/SB/09-12. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

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2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Money Other
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	35	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)				0	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		20**	= <input type="text"/> 0	<input type="text"/> 0
Independent Claims		3**	= <input type="text"/> 0	<input type="text"/> 0
Multiple Dependent			= <input type="text"/> 0	

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)				0

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
105	130	205	65 Fee Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130 Non-English Specification
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for reexamination
112	920	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	128	945 Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620 Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620 Utility Issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220 Design Issue fee
144	600	244	300 Plant Issue fee
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50 Petitions related to provisional applications
126	240	126	240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
Other (specify) Request for Continued Examination			
Other fee (specify)			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)			1,950

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